

## GA Stakeholder Forum June 2017 Review Synopsis

<b>FONTANA LAKE Agreement</b>	<b>Needs Collaboration</b>
<p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great to pull this all out as lakes.</li> </ul> <p>Restoration and resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Access/Veg Management (timber and other mngt):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Fire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Habitat Mngt (wildlife):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>MA distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Like the idea of expanding JK Slickrock with extensions</li> <li>• General agreement on MAs here</li> <li>• all agree - Distribution makes sense from the landscape.</li> </ul> <p>Recreation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p>Restoration and resiliency:</p> <p>Access/Veg Management (timber and other mngt):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add “improve access” on (letter d) in Goals for Connecting People with Land</li> </ul> <p>Partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities to talk with NPS about access, cultural access on the north shore; Appalachian Trail community Fontana Village</li> <li>• High recreation interface here, and partnering with other entities.</li> <li>• Opportunities for interpretation,</li> </ul> <p>Fire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribed fire looks like only in Shortleaf and should be expanded</li> </ul> <p>Habitat Mngt (wildlife):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where are the areas for restoration of golden-winged warbler habitat?</li> <li>• Under Clean and Abundant Water – goal mentions only salmanoid native to the (?) U.S. with brook trout. Is it Southern Appalachian brook trout? Would like to make that goal consistent in GAs if that is a fact.</li> <li>• Add grouse under d} in Enhancing and Restoring.</li> <li>• Elk restoration. Moving down from the Park.</li> <li>• Golden winged warbler should not be a priority in this area. Golden wing is adjacent to this GA</li> <li>• Should have similar descriptions to the lower elevations of the Eastern Escarpment—the emphasis should be on maximizing diversity of sustainable populations of a maximum number fo wildlife species</li> </ul>

MA distribution:

- SIA for botanicals in the area of large inholding/SNHA around Meeting House Mountain.

Recreation:

- Yellowhammer branch – Benton MacKaye trail and access from Tapoca Lodge
- Community is working with counties to enhance trail opportunities. Robbinsville with Buffalo Creek area – opportunities connecting tourists and locals. Bike trails, walking trails, out to the lake and schools. Conservation education for local communities- address trash among other things.
- Goal around wildlife viewing especially birding.
- Recreation collaboration around Fontana Village and Benton M. trail.
- Tsali should recognize 50/50 bike and equestrian (equally –not equestrian as secondary)

Additional areas mentioned: